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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1316 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parental Reimbursement for Juvenile Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dermody

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill establishes the Division of Youth Services Transitional Services Fund to provide juvenile transitional services to delinquent offenders. The bill appropriates money in the fund. The bill also permits a juvenile court to order a parent or guardian of the estate of a child to pay or reimburse the Department of Correction (DOC) for the costs incurred by the DOC for a child who is committed to the DOC.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill allows the Department of Correction to request a juvenile court to consider if an adjudicated juvenile delinquent's parent(s) should pay for or reimburse DOC for the costs of services provided. This could increase revenue the DOC receives and help offset DOC expenditures on services provided to juvenile delinquents. Actual increases in revenue will depend on (1) if courts require parent(s) to pay for or reimburse DOC expenses for services, (2) if the amounts courts order parents to pay are determined on a sliding scale, and (3) actual amounts paid by parents of juvenile delinquents ordered into the custody of the DOC. The estimated average cost of housing a juvenile in a state juvenile facility for a year was \$68,260, and \$72,000 in a secured facility in FY 2010.

Additionally, the bill creates the Division of Youth Services Transitional Services Fund. DOC is required to deposit all funds received from juvenile service reimbursement in this fund. Money in this fund is nonreverting, continually appropriated to DOC, and can be augmented or supplemented to provide juvenile transitional services to delinquent offenders and collect reimbursement costs from parents.

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Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill may increase local court workload to hold additional hearings to determine (1) if an adjudicated juvenile delinquent's parent(s) should pay for or reimburse DOC for the costs of services provided and (2) to reduce any unpaid balance to a final judgment order at the end of a juvenile delinquency action that is required to be paid for by the delinquent's parent(s).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DOC.

<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u> Local courts.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Department of Correction.

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